

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
JOHN C. MCDONALD SURGICAL SOCIETY**

Article I

NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The name of the society shall be the John C. McDonald Surgical Society.

Article II

OBJECT

The object of this society shall be to promote the advancement of the knowledge and teaching of surgery, to foster the fellowship of surgeons, and to encourage the highest standards of medical practice, research and ethics. The Society is a non-profit organization.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of The Society shall be limited to surgeons whose training has included basic general surgery training which makes them eligible for board certification in General Surgery or other surgical subspecialties. There will be active members, honorary members, senior members, and candidate members.

(A) Active Members -Active members shall be graduates of the LSUMC in Shreveport (or of the old Confederate Memorial Hospital) or practicing surgeons either holding an appointment with LSUHSC-S or trained by Dr. John C. McDonald. Current members of the LSU Shreveport Surgical Society shall be considered to have met membership requirements. Active members shall be diplomats of an American Specialty Board or Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

(B) Senior Membership – Any Fellow, who has retired from the practice of medicine and who is currently a member of The Society may become a Senior Member if he/she so desires, which will relieve him of the obligation of paying dues, and also of casting votes and holding office.

(C) Honorary Members -Honorary fellowship may be conferred upon any eminent surgeon elected by the Fellowship. Honorary Fellows will not be required to pay dues or fees, nor shall they be privileged to vote or hold office.

(D) Candidate Group -There will be a Candidate Group, comprised of all residents in the LSUMC-Shreveport surgical training program. Members of the candidate group will remain as such until they have been certified by the American Board of Surgery or Surgical Subspecialty or are members of The American College of Surgeons, and have been elected to full membership by the fellowship.

Section 2. Any act of misconduct, either professional or ethical, shall be reviewed by the Council and may be grounds for loss of membership in the Society.

Article IV

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The Executive Council of the Society shall serve as a membership committee.

Section 2. Membership in the organization shall be by invitation. A written formal recommendation, giving all the necessary credentials and qualifications, and signed by two active members in good standing, must be submitted to the Secretary who will refer the said recommendation to the Executive Council. Candidates for membership must be approved first by a majority of the Council. Their applications will then be submitted to the general voting assembly whereupon a majority vote will constitute election.

Section 3. Election to membership shall be by secret ballot.

Article V

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of the 1) President, 2) President-Elect, 3) Secretary and 4) Treasurer. The officers with the exception of the Secretary shall hold office for one year or until their successor shall have been elected and qualified. The secretary may be held by any Society member nominated by the Nominating Committee (*see addendum 1*). In addition, three ad hoc board member

positions shall be included on the Surgical Society Executive Board for the purpose of mentoring and maintaining established societal goals and missions. These ad hoc members will serve a maximum of five years per term (*see addendum 2*). There is no limit to the number of times that an ad hoc member can apply to serve in such a position.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall consist of the officers of the Society and the immediate past president. The President of the Society shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Council. Meetings of the Executive Council may be held at the call of the Chairman, and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary of the Society will be the Secretary of the Executive Council. Accurate minutes of the proceedings will be kept by the Secretary. Proposals for fellowship shall be submitted to the Executive Council for its action. The names of those candidates who have complied with the requirements of the Society, and who have received the approval of the Executive Council, shall be presented to the Society for action at The Annual Meeting.

Section 3. There shall be a Nominating Committee comprised of the president-elect and three members appointed by the president, that shall develop a slate of officers for presentation at The Annual Meeting. The President-elect shall serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. The Council of the Society shall be empowered to transact the business of The Society between meetings of the entire group.

Article VI

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

(A) Annual Dues -The annual dues shall be \$100.00 (*see addendum 1*), payable in advance of The Annual Meeting. The dues will be used to defray all expenses of The Society at its official functions.

(B) Arrears -Any Fellow in arrears for two years, shall be notified of the fact in writing by the Secretary.

Article VII

SEAL AND CERTIFICATE OF FELLOWSHIP

This Society shall have a distinct Seal. It, shall also issue a Certificate of Fellowship. Every Fellow shall be entitled to a Certificate of Fellowship signed by the President and Secretary and stamped with the Seal of The Society when he/she has complied with the provisions set forth in the Constitution.

Article VIII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The President shall determine the order of business for each meeting.

Article IX

RULES OF ORDER

The proceedings of The Society shall be conducted under the usual Parliamentary Rules of Order.

Article X

ALTERATIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION

Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed at any regular or annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose provided the suggestive amendment, alteration, or appeal shall be presented in writing, signed by three Fellows, and provided that the suggested change shall be printed and mailed to each Fellow at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting at which the vote thereon is to be taken. An affirmative vote of 3/4 of the Fellows present shall be necessary to adopt a change.

Article XI

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of The Society shall be held during the month of April. Additional meetings may be held between September and May, the dates to be determined by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Special Meetings -A Special Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the President, and it shall be his duty to do so upon receiving in writing the request from any five fellows. The object of the meeting must be stated in the Call.